

Docket No. 87288.1500
Application No. 09/918,719
Customer No. 30734

Special Examination Procedures
After Final Response

AF
JFW

OK TO ENTER
5/15/06
HD

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Richard W. FLING, et al.

Application No.: 09/918,719

Filed: August 1, 2001

) Confirmation No.: 2458

) Group Art Unit: 2635

) Examiner: Hung Q. Dang

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING A MAGNETIC FIELD SIGNAL
USABLE FOR LOCATING AN UNDERGROUND OBJECT

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AF

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed February 21, 2006 ("Office Action"), to which a response is due without an extension by May 21, 2006, please amend and reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows. Entry of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested because they are believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and do not raise any new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

Please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.